

## Album description:

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This album dates from around 1914-1916 and has been identified as depicting the family of Lieut-Colonel Albert William Crawford McFall, Yorkshire Light Infantry. McFall's two daughters, Marian (b. February 1902) and Vera (b. March 1903) feature throughout the album, along with a lot of pets!

Sarah Spink (aka EastMarple1) has done some research and sent me this information:  
From Findmypast:

Albert was born on 19th Feb 1862 and baptised on 10th Sep 1862 at Rae Bareilly, India. Parents David Chambers McFall and his wife Abigail. An older brother, born 2 years before, was also baptised at the same time:- Chambers Haldane Coole McFall (think I have read his name correctly..). Their father David was assist surgeon with HM 34th Regiment.

He married Annie Peter in qtr 4 1897, Kensington Registration District

His death was registered qtr 2 1923, Blandford District (covers Winterbourne Zelston). Age 61 years.

Western Gazette 10 Aug 1923

Lieut-Colonel Albert William Crawford McFall, late Yorkshire Light Infantry, of Zelstone Manor, who died on May 11th, intestate, has left £70 0s. 11d. Letters of administration are granted to the widow. Colonel McFall was a stepson of Mme Sarah Grand, the novelist, who is Mayoress of Bath.

Western Daily Press 15 May 1923

MADAME SARAH GRAND'S STEPSON

"The Westminster Gazette" announces the death of Lieut-Colonel Crawford McFall, who joined the Yorkshire Light Infantry in 1883 and was in the Zhub and Kideral expedition. He served in the Boer War and did good work with the Royal Air Force in the late war. Madam Sarah Grand, the novelist, who is Mayoress of Bath, is his stepmother.

Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette 19 May 1923

This also adds that in one expedition in Africa he was aide de camp to General Sir George White of Ladysmith.

He was overage for active service in WWI but "did splendid work in recruiting"

He was buried in Wimborne Cemetery after a service at Winterbourne Zelston. Mayoress couldn't attend - duties to attend to. ....

Note he wrote and illustrated a book "With The Zhub Field Force" in the mid 1890s.

At time of 1881 census, when age just 19 years, he was visiting a GP in Norwich. Albert's occupation is given as Surgeon. General. (Bit young for that!)

Miss Marian McFall and Miss Vera McFall are mentioned as bridesmaids at a military wedding in St Margaret's, Westminster in January 1912.

At the time of the 1939 Register

Living Ower, Romsey, New Forest.

Hoult Household

Frederick C. Hoult b 19 Sep 92 Married Motor Engineer M.J.M.T.

Vera A. E. Hoult b 21 Mar 03 Married Housewife

One record officially closed

Marian A.C. McFall 12 Feb 02 Single Independent

Plus a single head teacher of a school, seemingly unrelated.

Frederick C. Hault married Vera A. E. Crawford McFall Qtr 3 1929 Kensington district  
*I am treating these images as orphan works as I have no indication who the photographer was.*